

2019 NC House Redistricting Public Comments Report - LINC

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09/17/2019 03:08 PM	Elizabeth McRae	Lisa.mom@familymcrae.com		Neither party has demonstrated that they can be trusted to create fair districts. Please, implement a fair map by independent body.
09/17/2019 03:15 PM	Mr. David Manolis	dmanolis@ec.rr.com	self employed	I am very concerned with the possibility of Columbus County becoming even more divided into several different districts. Columbus County being one of the poorest Counties should not be subject to Representation from multiple and/or Representatives who do not reside here. Because of our economic situation it is vital for our residents to be able to pull together and be able to vote for the best possible Representatives. Our problems are rather unique to our situation and by splitting us it will be impossible for the citizens of our County to mobilize the majority to tackle these problems head on.
09/17/2019 03:17 PM	Steve Jones	jsjonesjsj@msn.com	N/A	As a resident of NC for 55 years, my declaration to the members of the General Assembly is this. Be fair! As children we are taught to be fair in the hope that when we become adults we will be fair. All citizens of our state cry out for a level political playing field. It is your job to provide them that.
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09/17/2019 03:21 PM	Martin O'Neill	moneill5560@gmail.com	Retired/None	When can we see the progress on the re-drawing of the voting districts? The court said it was suppose to be available to the public but I have not seen anything made available. Where can I go either on line or in person to see what the redistricting committee has been doing?
09/17/2019 03:29 PM	Samuel Todd	boleytodd@mindspring.com	Carolina Jews for Justice	Democracy matters if it is truly practiced, but for far too long my 54 years of voting has been diminished by partisan gerrymandering in NC. Please trust the voters and not game the systems before the votes are cast. Our present way of drawing voting districts undermines the spirit of democracy and robs us the power of the vote. Right now our system looks like it was set up by a mafia organization.
09/17/2019 03:50 PM	Mr. Joseph Hasty	jphasty@yahoo.com	Retired School Teacher and Coach	I do not agree with having politicians draw the district maps. I do not agree with the new districting map and ask that the court throw it out and have the court draw a new one. I'm a home owner, tax payer and retired public school teacher. I want my vote to count. Period.
09/17/2019	Charles	Bylumba@gmail.com		Establish method for nonpartisan redistricting rather than party in power

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09/17/2019 04:29 PM	Mrs. Tiffany Kinnaird	kinnaird.tiffany@gmail.com		No more partisan gerrymandering by either side....this makes NC less of a democracy. Please come up with a non-partisan redistricting process.
09/17/2019 04:42 PM	Leslie Clutz	lclutzster@gmail.com	Tyler 2 Construction	As a life-long resident of North Carolina, it is my wish that you adopt independent redistricting. A person, no matter how valiant their intentions, who is affected by the outcome of the districts, will find it difficult to remain impartial. Do the right thing and let the districts be re-drawn independently. Please stop making a mockery out of North Carolina and yourselves, your motives are transparent and frankly, we are embarrassed.
09/17/2019 05:00 PM	James Howdeshell	jimhowdeshell@gmail.com		<p>I have been following the state legislatures redistricting planning</p> <p>From all I have seen and heard, I have some observations to report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chen maps that The House selected by lottery, to me and others, is already in the Republicans partisan favor, "a stacked deck". • The whole process has been tainted by the Republican lawyers' error in distributing partisan information to both sides. • Also, I wonder about the behind doors conferencing that the Republicans were doing? For instance, who was there, and are they legitimate employees? Who else did they electronically communicate to with no one watching? • The Republicans have a long history of flaunting the law in relation to these partisan matters. • To be fair each party when in power do lots of re-gerrymandering. • I do not believe the legislators involved can legitimately ignore their self-interest and self-preservation to make nonpartisan decisions for voting maps. • Therefore, I conclude we need to have a fair and non-partisan outside referee to decide the maps.
09/17/2019 05:09 PM	Ms. Susan B. McClanahan	susanbmccclanahan@gmail.com	concerned NC citizen	<p>I implore the court to instruct the special master to draw North Carolina's 2020 voting maps to restore our state's democracy. The NC gerrymandering that has occurred has polarized our legislature so well, that the Minority has almost no power.</p> <p>As a concerned citizen, I attended NC General Assembly (NCGA) Committee meetings beginning in January 2017 (after the Majority's December 2016 "coup" where they stripped NC's new Democratic Governor of many powers). Since then, I have tried to help to end gerrymandering in NC.</p> <p>In 2017, when the current Majority threatened to gerrymander every judicial district in NC, I attended many NCGA Judiciary committee meetings to defend impartial judges. From Sept 9-16 this year, I also attended many NCGA Redistricting Committee meetings. The difference in the tenor of those committee meetings has been palpable.</p> <p>Before the November 2018 election when the supermajority was broken, the Majority's abuse of its power was glaring and rampant. Every committee was</p>

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09/17/2019 05:17 PM	Mrs. Diane Howdeshell	dhowdy62@gmail.com	Private Citizen	News reports from local North Carolina newspapers continue to describe partisan efforts to keep gerrymandering in place in North Carolina after the Court's decision to redraw maps.

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				<p>Stanford Law Professor, Nathaniel Persily, should be given the authority to redraw the legislative maps and set up an independent commission to carry out the task. Only then will North Carolinians be assured of transparency and legality of political maps in the state. I do not believe the legislators involved in drawing maps can legitimately ignore their self-interest and self-preservation to make good decisions for the citizens of North Carolina. This has been shown time and time again, whether Democrats or Republicans are in power.</p> <p>Therefore, I conclude we need to have a fair and non-partisan outside referee to decide the outcome of the maps.</p> <p>John Dalberg-Acton's famous quote applies to the gerrymandering that has gone on in North Carolina: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."</p> <p>Our maps should never give one party absolute power to determine the affairs of State in North Carolina. The majority will of the people of North Carolina should hold the power and confirm our representative democracy—not gerrymandered political will.</p> <p>Diane Howdeshell Greensboro, NC 27408</p>
09/17/2019 05:29 PM	Lynn McFarland	lynnmcfarland@gmail.com		I object to redistricting to protect incumbents and since I saw no media coverage of these discussions I do not feel they were done with any semblance of transparency.
09/17/2019 06:18 PM	Leonela MUNOZ-CONNOLLY	lconnolly@nc.rr.com		<p>Dear Representatives and Court Appointed Special Master,</p> <p>The process of redrawing the maps was not sufficiently transparent. Citizens could not easily follow what was happening and understand how decisions were being made. Public hearings should have been scheduled. This is too important to skip public hearings.</p> <p>I object to the legislature's decision to protect each incumbent from being drawn into the same district as another legislator.</p> <p>The legislature should have fully consider creating majority-minority districts to meet the requirements of the Voting Rights Act!</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention!</p>
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